#### Dover - Rochester 29440

Public Officials / Public Informational Meeting February 17, 2021



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Toll Plaza Conversions to All Electronic Tolling (AET)



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- The meeting moderator will guide the public participation portion of the meeting and coordinate the meeting logistics.
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#### Introductions

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- Project Manager

#### Jon Evans

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- Project Manager

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## **Meeting Agenda**

- Introductions
- Project Locations, Scope, & Purpose
- All Electronic Tolling (AET) Overview
- Why AET?
- Design Overview
- Environmental Topics
- Water Quality Aspects
- Construction Cost & Schedule
- Question / Answer Period



# **Project Location**



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### **Project Scope**

- Installation of All Electronic Tolling (AET) infrastructure
- Construction of median concrete barrier
- Construction of water quality features and drainage systems
- Removal of existing toll facilities
- Rehabilitation of pavement

### **Project Purpose**

- Automation of toll collection operations
- Replacement of deteriorated toll infrastructure



#### **AET Overview**

- Electronic toll transactions only
- No cash collections
- Toll transactions completed at highway speeds (no stopping)
- Toll collection for E-ZPass patrons as well as non-E-ZPass customers



 Automatic collection of user fee/toll using E-ZPass transponder or license plate information



## Why AET?

- Existing toll facilities built in mid-1950's
  - Limited to no capital improvement since original construction
  - Existing facilities are in deteriorating state
- AET Construction Cost Savings vs. Open Road Tolling
  - \$26 million savings in capital improvements



- Improved Toll Processing Rates
  - Cash Lane 380 vehicles per hour per lane (vphpl)
  - E-ZPass/Cash Lane 1100 vphpl
  - AET lane 1800 vphpl



## Why AET?

- Improved traveler and toll personnel safety
  - Numerous accidents at the toll plazas over recent years
- Improved mobility along Turnpike
  - All delays associated with the barrier facility are eliminated
  - Continuous travel speeds during toll transaction



- Reduced energy use and vehicle emissions
  - No braking, stopping, accelerating



### **Design Overview**

- Removal of Existing Toll Plaza Facilities
- Reconstruction of Approach Roadways
- Installation of Overhead AET Gantry
- Installation of Median Concrete Barrier
- New Roadway Drainage
- Improved Water Quality Treatment
- New Roadway Signage



**Environmental Topics** 



- Wetlands, Streams and Vernal Pools
  - No impacts
- Shoreland Impacts- Bellamy River (tidal)
  - Earthwork and paving in the 150'-250' Protected Shoreland
  - Approximately 35,000 sf of Impact
  - Shoreland "Permit-by-Notification" Anticipated
- Coastal Zone
  - Project is within limits



### **Water Quality Aspects**

- Impervious Areas
  - Increased by 17,100 sf
  - Attributed to the extension of the three lanes on northern limits of project
- Water Quality Features
  - 1 Gravel Wetland
  - 1 Wet Pond
  - 6 Vegetated Swales
- 90% of all impervious surfaces will receive treatment with proposed features



### **Anticipated Cost & Schedule**

- Current Construction Cost
  - \$18.75 million total for both sites
  - \$8.0 million Dover
  - \$10.75 million Rochester
- Advertise for Construction Bids
  - May 2021
- Construction Seasons
  - Late Summer 2021 thru Late Spring 2023



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